



# Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

Term 4

4 October 2025

## Uniform Reminder

Students show our school value of Respect for Self by wearing their uniform with pride. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform to start the new term.

Of particular note, we have seen an increase in students wearing **black leggings and bike pants, which are not part of our school uniform**. Please ensure the correct pants are worn to school. The black jackets provided by the school are to be worn to and from school only.

See the last page of this newsletter for details about where our school uniform can be purchased.

Footwear guidelines:

Main shoe type: Students are required to wear plain black lace-up shoes or Velcro-fastened shoes.

Sandals: Plain black sandals with a secure back strap may be worn (e.g. Roman sandals or school sandals).

Sock guidelines:

Plain black or navy blue socks, with no logos or patterns visible.



## Items your child needs to bring to school...

### Stationery

It's important your child has their stationery so that they have what they need to participate in class. YO-3 students should bring their book bag each day.



### Swimming togs

The classroom teacher will let you what day their class is swimming so you know when your tamariki need their togs. This will start mid-term.



### Drink bottle

Please ensure that your child has a **NAMED** drink bottle. In this weather it is important to keep hydrated.



### Hats

In term 1 and 4 the students **MUST** wear a hat when they are outside the classroom. Please ensure your child has a named hat at school each day.

## Zero-waste healthy snacks

### Snacks that shouldn't be brought to school:

Snack or large packets of chips  
Whole packets of biscuits  
Fruit strings/sticks/roll-ups  
Drinks other than water



We are working hard to reduce waste at our kura. If students bring a snack for their second break, we ask that it is **zero-waste**.

This means:



- Using **reusable containers** instead of throwaway packaging.
- Buying snacks in bulk and packing smaller amounts at home.

### Some suggestions for zero-waste healthy snacks:

Fruit  
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, broccoli, cucumber  
Rice crackers  
Mini muffins  
Popcorn  
Small rice dish  
A sandwich  
Vegetable crisps  
Trail mix, Nuts and seeds



Students need to bring home any rubbish left over from their lunches. This supports our goal to

**'Be Sustainable'**, which we know is important to our community. Thank you for helping us with this kaupapa.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 1

**Mon 6 October** First day of Term 4

**Thurs 9 October** Niue Language Week Fono 3 pm

**Fri 10 October** Whakatau 12:30 pm

### Week 2

**Wed 15 October 3pm** Hindi Family Meeting

**Thurs 16 October** - E Pro8 competition

### Week 3

**Mon 20 - Fri 24 October** Niue Language Week

**Mon 20 October 11:45am-** Assembly

**Mon 20 October 5pm-** Board Meeting

**Wed 22 October** Year 4-6 Athletics at Mt Smart

**Thu 22 October** Teacher Strike

### Week 4

**Mon 27** Labour Day observed (School Closed)



Congratulations Tui - winning house for Term 3

A huge congratulations to Tui House, who took out the title of Best House for Term 3.

Tui worked hard to:

- Show respect for self by wearing the correct uniform
- Show respect for others by playing fairly and being supportive
- Show respect for the environment by helping to keep our school looking great

This term's reward is extra special - you get to join in our Ball Party!

When: Thursday 9th October 2025. To celebrate their win, Tui students may wear their house t-shirt or blue to represent their house.

## EARLY PICK UP?

**Picking up your child early interrupts valuable learning time and puts pressure on staff.**

### OUR POLICY

**Frequent early pick-ups will be flagged and will result in a meeting with Senior Management, where a plan for improvement will be developed.**

Full school days help me thrive!



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## NIUEAN PARENT MEETING

FAKALOFA LAHI ATU! PLEASE COME ALONG TO SHARE AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR NIUEAN STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING LANGUAGE WEEK

OCTOBER 9

**3 PM**

SWEET TREATS PROVIDED,  
ALONG WITH COFFEE AND TEA  
rsvp: (or just come along)  
debbiek@pap-west.school.nz

GATE 2, STAFF ROOM



Parent Meeting

TO PREPARE FOR

**Hindi Language Week 2025**

NAMASTE! PLEASE COME ALONG TO SHARE AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR HINDI SPEAKING STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING LANGUAGE WEEK

OCTOBER 15

**3 PM**

SWEET TREATS PROVIDED,  
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GATE 2, STAFFROOM



You are invited to our

**WHAKATAU**

To welcome new members to our school community

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**12:30pm**

**Toi Toi Kohuora/School Hall**

# Stay Connected with us

**Skool-loop** is our main app we use for communication (all notices/newsletters through the app are also automatically loaded on our website).



**We use Seesaw** - for a more direct contact with your child's teacher. You can access this via SKool Loop or Seesaw app or website.



## Facebook

Follow us on facebook! We'll be using this platform to share some of our tamariki's learning experiences.



## Your Contact Information

If you have moved or changed phone numbers over the holiday, please contact your child's teacher or the school office so that we can update your information. It is **imperative** that this is up to date so that we can be in touch if there are any concerns, celebrations or emergencies.

# Planned absences

## The Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and well-being. Being at school every day ensures they don't miss out on key learning opportunities and helps build strong routines.

A gentle reminder:

- If you need to plan an absence, please notify us in advance.
- Please email or see the Principal or Deputy principal ([sandyt@pap-west.school.nz](mailto:sandyt@pap-west.school.nz) or [emmam@pap-west.school.nz](mailto:emmam@pap-west.school.nz)).
- Requests for absences longer than one week, especially for holidays, are unlikely to be approved. In line with Ministry of Education guidelines, extended absences may result in your child being removed from our roll.

Let's work together to make attendance a priority and set our students up for success.

# Traffic at the School Gate

Our Drop Off Zone a safer space for our students now.

The drop off zone will be closed from 1:45 pm each day. You will not be able to park in this area to pick up your children.

When dropping off your child in the morning please make sure you move all the way up- this really helps with traffic and keeping students safe also!

A reminder that we have plenty of off street parking on Hillcrest road as well as at the Panthers carpark.



# Drop off/pick ups Safety reminder

School gates open at **8:15 am**. Please do not drop children off earlier as there is no supervision. Students must also be picked up by **3:10 pm**.

We kindly ask families to limit early pick-ups during the day to avoid disrupting learning- this includes for siblings of Aorere students who finish on a Wednesday & Friday! Tracy Follas, one of our wonderful Learning Assistants, will continue to support with these matters.

Thank you for your cooperation!





# PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

At our kura, cultural groups are a valued part of school life—celebrating identity, building performance skills, and engaging tamariki in the arts through waiata and dance.

By now, students have had the opportunity to try out a group and should have made a commitment. The focus this term is on following through—attending practices regularly and showing dedication as they prepare for performances later in the year.

Most cultural group meets once a week during break time for practice and fortnightly during an afternoon block. Students need to be prepared to attend both the break time and class time practices.

We're mindful that students also need unstructured time to play and recharge, so we encourage tamariki to choose only the groups they can realistically commit to. Each extra group adds an extra practice to their week, and we want to help them maintain a healthy balance.

Please note, students who do not attend practices consistently may not be able to take part in upcoming performances, as it's important they feel confident and ready as part of the group.

















A timetable of break time practices is included with this pānui so you can help your child remember when their group meets.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support!














## What's on Today - Term 4

### What's on today - Y5 & 6












	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st break	Student Leaders - Health Team Miss Loh 		Tironui Band Practice  (as per lesson timetable)	Student Leaders -  Health Team Mrs Tania	Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Performing arts room  Ms Evans	Y5/6 Pasifika group in the hall  Mrs Latham
2nd break	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller	Enviro team garden/39 	Y3-6 Choir  Mr Jan	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller		<div> <div>           Y5/6 Indian dance Performing arts room Whaea Elisha   </div> <div>           Held Rugby - on the field              Mr Waller         </div> </div>
3rd block (odd week)			Y5/6 Indian dance group Hall  Whaea Elisha			Y5/6 Choir Music room  Mr Jan
3rd block (even week)			Y5/6 Pasifika group in the hall  Mrs Latham	Y3-6 Ukulele Mr Jan Music Room 		Y5/6 Kapa Haka roopu Hall  Ms Evans

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## What's on today - Y3 & 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1st break			Y3-4 Pasifika group Hall 			
2nd break	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller	Y3-4 Indian group Hall 	Y3-6 Choir Music Room  Mr Jan	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller	Y3-4 Kapa Haka Te Kakano  Whaea Debbie	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr K
3rd block (odd week)			Y3-4 Kapa Haka Hall  Whaea Debbie		Y3-4 Pasifika group Hall 	
3rd block (even week)			Y3-4 Indian group  R36 Mrs Devi		Y3-4 Choir Music Room  Mr Jan	

## What's on today - Y1&2

	MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1st break			Choir Y1-2 Music Room - Mr Jan 		Y1-2 Pasifika group Hall  Whaea Jess & Mrs Venu		
2nd break	Y1-2 Indian group Hall  Mrs Kaur	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller		Held Rugby - on the field  Mr Waller		Y1-2 Kapa Haka Hall  Mrs Riggs, Miss West, Mrs Dalziel & Mrs Hickton	Held Rugby - on the field  Mr K
3rd block (odd week)				Choir Y1-2 Music Room - Mr Jan 		Y1-2 Pasifika group Hall  Whaea Jess & Mrs Venu	
3rd block (even week)				Y1-2 Kapa Haka Music room  Mrs Riggs, Miss West, Mrs Dalziel & Mrs Hickton		Y1-2 Indian dance group Performing arts room 	



# **PAPATOETOE WEST SCHOOL**

## **UNIFORM INFORMATION**

### **WHERE & WHEN CAN YOU BUY YOUR UNIFORM?**

**NZ Uniforms:** Unit 5, 20 Lambie Drive, Manukau.

**Store Hours:** Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

**Phone:** 09 950 6747 | **Email:** [manukau@nzuniforms.com](mailto:manukau@nzuniforms.com)

**Shop Online:** [pap-west.nzuniforms.com](http://pap-west.nzuniforms.com)

### **HOW CAN YOU PAY?**

### **WINZ/OT/Charities/Trusts/Whānau & Family QUOTES**

**WINZ CUR Number:** 001604113

You can also get a Quote online. Just add your items to the shopping cart and choose the Quote option at the checkout. Visit our website for more information on getting a Quote.

### **OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Uniform Club:** Save for your student's uniform by adding regular payments to your Uniform Club account during the year. Visit our website to find out more about Uniform Club and to join.

We also accept **Afterpay** (in-store only), and **Zip** (in-store & online). Visit our website to find out more about Zip and to join.

We also accept cash, eftpos and credit cards.

### **NAME LABELLING**

We can attach your name to your uniform items for only \$4 per label while you wait. Guaranteed to last.

### **NZ UNIFORMS ALSO STOCKS**

School shoes, school bags, belts, socks, hair accessories, shoe polish, boxers and more.

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